

# AMOS EARNS ALLIES

## A REPLAY

A TREMENDOUS drive from the edge of the penalty area by Wycombe Wanderers leading striker Tony Amos, earned Berks and Bucks a second chance in their quarter final tie of the Southern Counties Amateur Championship at Tooting on Wednesday night.

Considering the Allied Counties were forced to make no less than eight changes to the original team selected, it was a fine performance against a strong Surrey outfit. There were problems too,

on the night. As John Delaney was unable to attend, substitute Dave Bullock was drafted in at centre half while Alan Gane also came into the midfield. This left the visitors without a substitute, who would have undoubtedly been an asset during the period of extra time.

The date and venue of the

replay has yet to be decided but it will be the Allies first home game in the competition. If they are successful they will again have to travel, this time to Wiltshire in the semi-final. Victory there would put them in the final against Hertfordshire, 2-0 winners over Suffolk, but once more the match will be away from home. This means

Berks and Bucks, who are holders of the title, will have played all their championship on foreign territory.

They got off to a good start on Wednesday and were on top in the first 20 minutes. However, Surrey fought back and took the lead when defender Paul Birdseye needlessly handled the ball inside his own penalty area. Dulwich forward Chris Gedney sent Peter Spittle the wrong way with his spot kick.

Despite the set back, the B and B defence held firm thanks to the control of Gerry Olson at centre half and some competent goalkeeping by Spittle.

It began to look as though Gedney's goal would decide the issue until Amos collected the ball and let fly with a snap shot that beat Dave Collyer all the way.

Both sides had chances to settle the match in the closing stages but the score stood at 1-1 after 90 minutes. The deadlock continued in extra time with neither side being able to break through again.

**SURREY:** D. Collyer (Woking), B. G. Dennis (Sutton), C. Gedney (Dulwich), Powell (Sutton), D. Reid (Leatherhead), G. Dennis (Sutton), C. Gedney (Dulwich), D. Ellis (Met. Police), C. Andrews (Met. Police), A. Berreclough (Tooting), A. Ives (Tooting). Sub. K. Sheehan (Tooting, not used).

**BERKS AND BUCKS:** P. Spittle, R. Williams, P. Birdseye, D. Bullock (all Wycombe Wanderers), G. Olson (Maidenhead), A. Gane (Wycombe Wanderers), K. Beaven (Chesham), L. Pritchard (Wycombe Wanderers), A. Cameron (Slony Stratford), A. Taylor (Chesham), A. Amos (Wycombe Wanderers). No sub.



Dave Bullock (right) leaps up to head the ball clear in Wycombe Wanderers 2-1 Isthmian League victory over Bromley on Saturday.

# "Hutch" is back!

JOHNNY Hutchinson, who it was thought had left Wycombe Wanderers a fortnight ago, is back with the club and may well come into tomorrow's (Saturday) team to visit Bishop's Stortford.

Two weeks ago, Wycombe manager Brian Lee told 'Free Press' that he would not have Hutchinson back in his squad as it would be unfair to the rest of the players. But apparently, Hutchinson apologised to the manager and the players and Mr. Lee has agreed to have him back.

The trouble concerning Hutchinson started after the Clapton game last month when he was given permission to attend a wedding. Nothing was seen of him after that until last Saturday when he watched the 2-1 win over Bromley.

"Hutch" is set for an immediate return to the side tomorrow because Alan Gane is

playing for Hereford United Reserves. Hereford have been interested in Alan for some time and their scouts have watched him four times this season.

### MIDFIELD BITE

Two other players should be back in the side also. Keith Searle, unavailable last week, should return while Rob Williams has now finished a 14 days suspension and will add much needed bite to midfield.

Kenny Swain, who impressed in Wanderers' 10-0 win over Bournemouth recently, may also come into the side for his first Isthmian League outing. At present in Cheshire, Kenny is hoping to return for the game. If so the front three could well be Swain, Searle and Tony Horseman.

Bournemouth incidentally, will be bringing down their full Division three first team early in May

for another game. Another more immediate friendly has been arranged for Tuesday at home to Southall.

Tomorrow, Wycombe will be anxious to avenge their 1-0 home defeat by Stortford back in September. The story of that game is all too familiar. The Blues dominated most of the 90 minutes but fell to a 40th minute goal by Davidson. Supporters will remember the game for the series of missed chances when the forwards were faced only by goalkeeper Terry Moore.

Since then, Bishop's have been heavily involved in the Amateur Cup and reached the semi-final stage before losing out to Slough Town 1-0 at Watford. Recent results include a 4-2 home win over Corinthian Casuals and a 2-1 defeat at Sutton.

Isthmian League, runaway

leaders Hendon have now won the league title and interest now is whether they go through the season without a single league defeat.

### ISTHMIAN LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hendon	36	31	5	0	82	14	67
Leatherhead	38	21	8	9	65	27	50
Ttg & Mchn	39	20	9	10	70	35	49
Walstow A	37	18	12	7	58	39	48
Sutton U	38	19	9	10	62	44	47
Kingstonian	38	19	9	10	57	44	47
Wycombe W	36	21	4	11	53	28	46
Wltn & Hrshm	32	18	8	6	39	17	44
Ilford	40	17	9	14	55	58	43
Enfield	36	17	7	12	77	45	41
Dulwich H	38	16	8	14	54	50	40
Woking	37	17	6	14	55	51	40
B Stford	31	15	8	8	46	30	38
Hayes	34	14	7	13	50	34	35
Leystone	34	12	11	11	42	41	35
Hitchin T	35	14	5	16	46	56	33
Barking	39	7	7	25	40	80	21
St. Albans C.	37	5	10	22	33	66	20
Oxford C	39	6	7	26	29	89	19
Bromley	39	4	9	26	29	65	17
Clapton	37	3	10	24	30	87	16
Cor Cas	38	3	6	29	28	100	12